Dina Mistry

NETWORK SCIENTIST INFECTIOUS DISEASE MODELER COMPLEX SYSTEMS RESEARCHER

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Summary_

Computational researcher with an interdisciplinary background in physics, network science, and epidemiology. 7 years of experience modeling real world complex systems, contagion phenomena, and data driven models of diverse human contact networks. My interests lie in developing tools and methods for data driven research in health as a social process with a focus on equity and open science practices.

Education _____

Northeastern University

Boston, MA

Ph.D. IN Physics 01/2014 - 01/2019

Dissertation: The Heterogeneous Nature of Contagion Processes in Complex Networks

Advisor: Dr. Alessandro Vespignani, Network Science Institute Director and Sternberg Family Distinguished Professor

Northeastern University

Boston, MA

M.Sc. in Physics 09/2012 - 01/2014

University of Toronto Toronto, Canada

Hon. B.Sc. in Physics & Astronomy, Minor in Mathematics with High Distinction

Undergraduate Thesis: The Axisymmetric Geometry of Saturn's Magnetic Fields

Advisor: Dr. Sabine Stanley, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor

Experience_____

Institute for Disease Modeling, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

500 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST

NETWORK EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR

07/13/2020 - PRESENT

09/2007 - 05/2012

- · Modeling strategies and tradeoffs for reopening schools in King County, Washington during the COVID-19 pandemic
- · Presenting COVID-19 modeling and analysis to local public health stakeholders to inform ongoing strategies
- Collaborating to forecast COVID-19 transmission dynamics to assess the risks and benefits of school based interventions in global settings
- Leading modeling of health information campaign strategies to promote mask usage and social distancing in Dakar, Senegal during COVID-19
- Lead developer and maintainer of an open-source Python package to generate data-driven human contact networks around the globe for research on public health
- · Collaborating in cross functional teams to develop open source tools for public health research

Institute for Disease Modeling, Intellectual Ventures

3150 139th Avenue SE,

Bellevue, WA

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST

NETWORK EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR

02/04/2019 - 07/13/2020

- · Modeling the control and mitigation of COVID-19 pandemic in human contact networks in the US and global populations
- Presented COVID-19 modeling and analysis to local public health officials to inform ongoing control strategies
- Lead developer and maintainer of an open-source Python package to generate data-driven human contact networks around the globe for research on public health
- Modeling contagion-like adoption of awareness and health behaviors in social networks
- Modeling the role of social trust and the long standing effects of memory of disease risk in acceptance of health (mis)information
- · Collaborating in cross functional teams to develop open source tools for public health research

Northeastern University

177 Huntington Avenue,

Boston, MA, 02115

GRADUATE RESEARCHER, MOBS LAB, NETWORK SCIENCE INSTITUTE

SYNTHETIC CONTACT NETWORKS

10/15/2015 - 01/23/2019

- · Developed adaptive algorithms to generate synthetic human contact networks using public data sources for diverse populations
- Modeling infectious disease spreading in data-driven synthetic contact networks
- Implemented Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) and other computational methods to infer epidemiological parameters and validate with serological data
- Built and maintained a database of age mixing contact matrices for 300+ global locations
- Supervised junior graduate students

H1N1 PANDEMIC SCENARIO ANALYSIS 01/04/2015 - 01/23/2019

• Characterized the predictability of global epidemic spreading patterns across multiple pandemic scenarios from in-silico micro-simulations

- Visualization of stochastic micro-simulations of different pandemic scenarios
- Analyzed commercial airline mobility network data using statistical mechanics, network science, information theoretic measures, and unsupervised machine learning algorithms

SPREADING OF ZIKA VIRUS IN THE AMERICAS (WWW.ZIKA-MODEL.ORG)

01/03/2016 - 05/28/2017

- Developed a stochastic data-driven vector-borne model of the 2016 Zika outbreak in real-time; collaborating with international research groups
- Aided in streamlined analysis pipeline of simulation forecasts for time sensitive reports delivered to global health agencies (CDC, WHO)
- · Collected, processed, and analyzed daily epidemiological case report data from 40 Pan-American countries for model calibration

COMMITTED ACTIVISTS AND THE RESHAPING OF STATUS-QUO SOCIAL CONSENSUS

05/01/2013 - 10/22/2015

- · Developed agent based models of negotiation on conventions and opinion adoption in temporal social networks
- Explored campaign strategies to reduce the time and critical mass needed to drive populations towards consensus, as well as the hindering effects of community structures (echo chambers)
- Presented findings at the 2017 International School and Conference on Network Science

Publications

* Indicates equal contribution

PEER REVIEWED

Inferring high-resolution human mixing patterns for disease modeling.

D. Mistry, M. Litvinova, A. Pastore y Piontti, M. Chinazzi, L. Fumanelli, M. F. C. Gomes, S. A. Haque, Q. Liu, K. Mu, X. Xiong, M. E. Halloran, I. M. Longini, S. Merler, M. Ajelli, A. Vespignani. Nat. Commun. 12. 1. 2021. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-20544-y %

Seeding COVID-19 across sub-Saharan Africa: an analysis of reported importation events across 40 countries.

L. A. Skrip, P. Selvaraj, B. Hagedorn, A. L. Ouédraogo, N. Noori, **D. Mistry**, J. Bedson, L. Hébert-Dufresne, S. V. Scarpino, B. M. Althouse. *Manuscript accepted at Am J Trop Med Hyq*. https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.04.01.20050203v2 %

Determining the optimal strategy for reopening schools, work and society in the UK: balancing earlier opening and the impact of test and trace strategies with the risk of occurrence of a secondary COVID-19 pandemic wave.

J. Panovska-Griffiths, C. C. Kerr, R. M. Stuart, **D. Mistry**, D. J. Klein, R. M. Viner, C. Bonell. Lancet Child Adolesc Health. 4. 11. 817-827. 2020. https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642(20)30250-9 %

Modelling the impact of relaxing COVID-19 control measures during a period of low viral transmission

N. Scott, A. Palmer, D. Delport, R. Abeysuriya, R. M. Stuart, C. C. Kerr, **D. Mistry**, D. J. Klein, R. Sacks-Davis, K. Heath, S. W. Hainsworth, A. Pedrana, M. Stoove, D. Wilson, M. E. Hellard. Med J Aust. Online 2020 https://doi.org/10.5694/mja2.50845 %

Spread of infectious disease and social awareness as parasitic contagions on clustered networks.

L. Hébert-Dufresne, D. Mistry, B. M. Althouse. Phys. Rev. Res. 2. 3. 2020. https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevResearch.2.033306 %

Quantifying the risk of Zika virus local transmission in the continental US during the 2015-2016 ZIKV epidemic.

K. Sun, Q. Zhang, A. Pastore-Piontti, M. Chinazzi, **D. Mistry**, N. E. Dean, D. P. Rojas, S. Merler, P. Poletti, L. Rossi, M. E. Halloran, I. M. Longini, A. Vespignani. BioMed Central Medicine. 16. 1. 195. 2018. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12916-018-1185-5 %

Spreading of Zika virus in the Americas.

Q. Zhang, K.Sun, M. Chinazzi, A. Pastore-Piontti, N. E. Dean, D. P. Rojas, S. Merler, **D. Mistry**, P. Poletti, L. Rossi, M. Bray, M. E. Halloran, I. M. Longini, A. Vespignani. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. 114. 22. E4334-E4343. 2017. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1620161114 %

Committed activists and the reshaping of status-quo social consensus.

D. Mistry, Q. Zhang, N. Perra, A. Baronchelli. Phys. Rev. E. 92. 042805. 2015. https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.92.042805 %

SUBMITTED & UNDER REVIEW

Schools are not islands: Balancing COVID-19 risk and educational benefits using structural and temporal countermeasures

J. A. Cohen, **D. Mistry**, C. C. Kerr, and D. J. Klein. https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.08.20190942v1 %

Lessons learned from Vietnam's COVID-19 response: the role of adaptive behaviour change and testing in epidemic control.

Q. D. Pham, R. M. Stuart, T. V. Nyugen, Q. C. Luong, D. Q. Tran, T. Q. Pham, L. T. Phan, T. Q. Dang, D. N. Tran, H. T. Do, **D. Mistry**, D. J. Klein, R. G. Abeysuriya, A. P. Oron, and C. C. Kerr. https://www.medrxiv.org/content/medrxiv/early/2020/12/19/2020.12.18.20248454.full.pdf %

Preventing a cluster from becoming a new wave in settings with zero community COVID-19 cases.

R. G. Abeysuriya, D. Delport, R. M. Stuart, R. Sacks-Davis, C. C. Kerr, D. Mistry, D. J. Klein, M. Hellard, and N. Scott. https://www.medrxiv.org/content/medrxiv/early/2020/12/22/2020.12.21.20248595.full.pdf %

Robust test and trace strategies can prevent COVID-19 resurgences: a case study from New South Wales, Australia

R. M. Stuart, R. G. Abeysuriya, C. C. Kerr, D. Mistry, D. J. Klein, R. Gray, M. Hellard, N. Scott

https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.10.09.20209429v1 %

The potential contribution of face coverings to the control of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in schools and broader society in the UK: a modelling study

J. Panovska-Griffiths, C. C. Kerr, W. Waites, R. M. Stuart, D. Mistry, D. Foster, D. J. Klein, R. M. Viner, C. Bonell https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.28.20202937v1.full.pdf %

The role of masks in reducing the risk of new waves of COVID-19 in low transmission settings: a modeling study

R. M. Stuart, R. G. Abeysuriya, C. C. Kerr, D. Mistry, D. J. Klein, R. Gray, M. Hellard, and N. Scott. https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.02.20186742v1 %

Controlling SARS-CoV-2 via test-trace-quarantine.

C. C. Kerr, D. Mistry*, R. M. Stuart*, K. Rosenfeld, G. R. Hart, P. Selvaraj, R. C. Núñez, J. A. Cohen, R. G. Abeysuriya, L. George, B. Hagedorn, M. Jastrzebski, M. Fagalde, J. Duchin, M. Famulare, and D. J. Klein. https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.15.20154765v3 🗞

Covasim: an agent-based model of COVID-19 dynamics and interventions.

C. C. Kerr, R. M. Stuart, D. Mistry, R. G. Abeysuriya, G. R. Hart, K. Rosenfeld, P. Selvaraj, R. C. Núñez, B. Hagedorn, L. George, A. Izzo, A. Palmer, D. Delport, C. Bennette, B. Wagner, S. Chang, J. A Cohen, J. Panovska-Griffiths, M. Jastrzebski, A. P. Oron, E. Wenger, M. Famulare, D. J. Klein. https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.05.10.20097469v1 %

IN PREPARATION

Evaluating health promotion to mitigate COVID-19 in Senegal: the impact of more intentional interactions for positive behavior change.

D. Mistry*, L. A. Skrip*, N. Noori*, A. Oron, B. M. Althouse, I. Ba, and M. Sall.

SynthPops: A generative model of synthetic contact networks.

D. Mistry, C. C. Kerr, R. G. Abeysuriya, L. A. Skrip, B. M. Althouse, and D. J. Klein.

Reports & Other Writing

Testing the waters: is it time to go back to school?

D. J. Klein., C. C. Kerr, **D. Mistry**, N. Thakker, J. Cohen. Report on Infohub %

Modeling countermeasures for a balanced reopening in King County, Washington.

K. Rosenfeld, C. C. Kerr, J. Cohen, R. Núñez, G. Hart, **D. Mistry**, P. Selvaraj, and D. J. Klein. Report on InfoHub 🗞

COVID-19 intervention effectiveness and epidemic trends for Oregon: a model-based analysis.

C. C. Kerr, B. Hagedorn, **D. Mistry**, and D. J. Klein. Report on Infohub %

Presentations ___

INVITED TALKS

University of Notre Dame Virtual

GUEST SPEAKER IN INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY GRADUATE COURSE 3/5/2020

COVID Modeling Panel, National Institute of Statistical Sciences

Virtual COVASIM: AN OPEN SOURCE AGENT-BASED MODEL OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AND CONTROL 12/16/2020

Modelling the spread and impact of COVID-19, Graz Schumpeter Centre

COVASIM: AN OPEN SOURCE AGENT-BASED MODEL OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AND CONTROL

Women in Network Science Seminar, University of Washington

NETWORK EPIDEMIOLOGY AND COVID-19

RECORDING: HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/D00J7T5AKPU %

Data and Methods Brown Bag, University of Washington

SYNTHPOPS: SOCIAL CONTACT NETWORK MODELING FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

12/09/2020

Virtual

Virtual

Virtual 11/18/2020

Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IPAM) PANELIST, MATHEMATICAL MODELS IN UNDERSTANDING COVID-19: SCIENCE COMMUNICATION	Virtual 08/13/2020
Network Science for Social Good (NetSci 2019) DIVERSIFY NETSCI	Burlington, VT 05/27/2019
Data Science and Methods 573, University of Washington GUEST LECTURER ON NETWORK SCIENCE	Seattle, WA 02/28/2019
Institute for Disease Modeling The effects of complex networks on infectious disease spreading	<i>Bellevue, WA</i> 09/27/2018
Humanyze EXPLORING THE EFFECTS OF COMPLEX NETWORKS ON CONTAGION PHENOMENA	Palo Alto, CA 09/03/2018
Conference on Complex Systems The influence of cultural and societal diversity on epidemic spreading	Cancun, Mexico 09/19/2017
CONTRIBUTED TALKS	
Institute for Disease Modeling Symposium (IDM Symposium 2020) The Longstanding effects of disease awareness, memory, and social trust on infectious disease spreading in social networks	(Postponed) Seattle, WA
International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci 2020) DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION IN NETWORK SCIENCE AND SOCIETY	(Virtual) Rome, Italy 09/19/2020
International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci 2019) INFERRING HIGH-RESOLUTION DISEASE SPECIFIC HUMAN MIXING PATTERNS	Burlington, VT 05/29/2019
3MinuteThesis, GWISE, Snell Library, Northeastern University Data-driven approaches to infectious disease modeling and the role of human interaction networks	Boston, MA 10/16/2018
International Conference on Complex Networks A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO INFER SOCIAL CONTACT NETWORKS IN THE CONTEXT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE MODELING	Boston, MA 03/05/2018
Grad Research Panel, Snell Library, Northeastern University Data-Driven Approaches to Stochastic Infectious Disease Modeling	Boston, MA 02/28/2018
International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci 2017) COMMITTED ACTIVISTS AND THE RESHAPING OF STATUS-QUO SOCIAL CONSENSUS	Indianapolis, IN 06/22/2017
Poster Presentations	
Epidemics	Charleston, SC
The longstanding effects of disease awareness and social memory on infectious transmission in NETWORKS	12/04/2019
Research, Innovation, and Scholarship Expo, Northeastern University USING DATA-DRIVEN MODELS TO INFER SOCIAL CONTACT PATTERNS IN THE CONTEXT OF EPIDEMICS	Boston, MA 04/07/2016
Teaching	
Physics Lab Instructor, U.S. Pathway Program (USPP), a summer bridge program for international students from China and Nigeria	Northeastern University
2012-2014 Physics Lab Instructor , Introductory Physics Labs (16 sections), Department of Physics 2013-2014 Physics Workshop Leader , (6 sections) Department of Physics 2012 Interactive Learning Sessions Teaching Assistant , Department of Physics 2011 AST201H1 Teaching Assistant , Department of Astronomy & Astrophysics	Northeastern University Northeastern University Northeastern University University of Toronto
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Professional Service & Leadership _____

CONFERENCES, PANELS, INSTITUTES, AND WORKSHOPS

2021	Chair, 3rd Annual Diversify NetSci, Networks 2021	Online
2021	Workshop Co-Organizer: Society of Young Network Scientists, Networks 2021	Online
2020	Panel Moderator: Decolonizing Global Health, IDM Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee	(Online) Seattle, WA
2020	Co-Organizer & Reviewer, NetSci 2020 Financial Support Committee	(Online) Rome, Italy
2020	Panel Moderator: Diversifying Network Science, 2nd Annual Diversify Netsci, NetSci 2020	(Online) Rome, Italy
2020	Co-Chair, 2nd Annual Diversify Netsci, NetSci 2020	(Online) Rome, Italy
2020	Parallel Session Chair, NetSci 2020	(Online) Rome, Italy
2020	Program Committee, NetSci 2020	(Online) Rome, Italy
2020	Program Committee, NetSci-X 2020 Winter Conference	Tokyo, Japan
2019	Co-Chair, Inaugural Diversify NetSci, NetSci 2019	Burlington, VT
2018	Program Committee, International Conference on Complex Networks	Boston, MA
2018	Art of Networks local organizer, International Conference on Complex Networks	Boston, MA
2018	Paper Unwind Co-Organizer: Society of Young Network Scientists (SYNS), International	Boston, MA
	Conference on Complex Networks	

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

2019-2021	Chair, Society for Young Network Scientists (SYNS)	International
2018	Women's Summer Retreat Organizer, GWISE (Graduate Women in Science and Engineering)	Cambridge, MA

PEER REVIEW

2021	Manuscript Reviewer, Bulletin of Mathematical Biology
2020	Manuscript Reviewer, Royal Society Open Science
2020-2021	Manuscript Reviewer, Nature Communications
2020	Manuscript Reviewer, Communications Physics
2019-2020	Manuscript Reviewer, PLOS Computational Biology
2019	Manuscript Reviewer, Chaos AIP
2017	Manuscript Subreviewer, PLOS ONE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2018	Senior Grad Panel, Graduate School & Research, Dept. of Physics, Northeastern University	Boston, MA
2017	Panel member, Diversity and Inclusion Town Hall, College of Science, Northeastern University	Boston, MA
2017	Professional Development Workshop Organizer, Dept. of Physics, Northeastern University	Boston, MA
2016-2018	Graduate Student Union Dept. Leader, Dept. of Physics, Northeastern University	Boston, MA
2014-2016	Physics Graduate Student Representative, Northeastern University	Boston, MA
2012	Transit of Venus Outreach Science Volunteer, Dept. of Astronomy & Astrophysics	Toronto, Canada
2011-2012	Vice President of Academic Affairs , Physics & Astronomy Student Union, University of Toronto	Toronto, Canada

Advanced Schools & Workshops _____

Koç UniversityGuest lecturer at Social ComQuant, a Summer School in Computational Social Science

07/26/2021 - 07/31/2021

Vermont UniversityBurlington, VT

Invited participant to the Workshop on Invasion in Ecological Networks 08/25/2019 - 08/31/2019

Université LavalQuebec City, CanadaPARTICIPANT IN THE 1ST COMPLEX NETWORKS WINTER WORKSHOP12/15/2018 - 12/22/2018

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University of Washington

Seattle, WA

ATTENDED THE 7TH ANNUAL SUMMER INSTITUTE IN STATISTICS AND MODELING IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

07/05/2015 - 07/22/2015

Certificates obtained in the modules:

- Probability and Statistical Inference
- Stochastic Epidemic Models with Inference
- Simulation-based Inference for Epidemiological Dynamics
- MCMC I & II for Infectious Diseases

Awards & Honors

2015	Summer Institute in Statistics and Modeling in Infectious Diseases Scholarship, 7th Annual Summer Institute	University of Washington
2012-2014	Graduate Teaching Assistantship Award , Department of Physics	Northeastern University
2012	Anna & Alex Beverly Memorial Fellowship, for future graduate studies	University of Toronto
2012	Marie Sklodowska-Curie Association Undergraduate Scholarship, for academic excellence in	University of Toronto
	Physics	
2011	Undergraduate Summer Research Award , Highly competitive research assistantship award. Conducted experiments to study the nonlinear growth of stalactites. <i>Advisor: Prof. Stephen Morris</i> .	University of Toronto
2008-2012	Dean's List of Scholars, Faculty of Arts & Science	University of Toronto
2008	C. L. Burton Scholarship for Mathematics and Physics, Faculty of Arts & Science	University of Toronto
2007	Top Scholar's Scholarship , Faculty of Arts & Science	University of Toronto
2007	President's Entrance Scholarship, Faculty of Arts & Science	University of Toronto

Software

OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE

Core Developer

SYNTHPOPS: PYTHON, PYPI | HTTP://SYNTHPOPS.ORG/

03/09/2020 - Present

Skills & Expertise_

Programming Python (NumPy, Pandas, GeoPandas, scikit-learn, Cartopy), C++, SQL

Visualization Matplotlib, d3, Gephi

Software LTFX, Git, Linux, MacOS, Microsoft Office, Notion

Media Coverage _____

Diseases Spread Differently, Region by Region. This Mathematical Model Shows How. News@Northeastern

The Science That Spans MeToo, Memes, and Covid-19 WIRED

'Covid Near You' Crowdsources Data to Predict New Hot Spots WIRED

Projecting the spread of Zika The Atlantic, New Scientist, Homeland Security News Wire, WBUR Boston NPR's News Station

PhD Profile: Canis lupus Graduate Student Newsletter, Northeastern University

Live Musical Performances __

I am a multi-instrumentalist playing the steel pan family of instruments (native to the island nation of Trinidad and Tobago) since the age of 10, and performing publicly since the age of 14. From 14 through 18, I was a member of 3 performance bands, including 2 steel pan bands and a Jazz/Motown Ensemble. Most recently, I have joined the **Seattle Steel Pan Project**. My main instruments are the Double Tenor and Tenor Pans, though I am also known to play the Double Seconds, 6 Bass, Treble Bass, and Cello Pans.

SEATTLE STEEL PAN PROJECT

Seattle University09/22/2019Seattle, WAJackson Street Jazz Walk09/07/2019Seattle, WA

Belltown Crush	08/24/2019 Seattle, WA
Othello Park International Festival	08/11/2019 Othello, WA
Seattle Caribbean Festival	07/28/2019 Seattle, WA
Fremont Solstice Parade	06/22/2019 Fremont, WA
Highline College	05/23/2019 Des Moines, WA
Powered By Women, Langston Hughes	03/30/2019 Seattle, WA